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Armed Services Committee staff, called to inquire about the status of clearances for George Foster, of the Committee staff. Mr. Foster will be traveling to the West Coast and needs the clearances for reviewing certain programs. Arrangements were made for the clearances to be approved and for Mr. Foster to be appropriately briefed.

LIAISON Called Joseph Frumkin, on the staff of Senator H. John Heinz III (R., Pa.), who prompted the letter from GAO to the Agency dated 24 October 1978 requesting extensive data on the extent to which the Agency conducts research on the Soviet Union. Frumkin accepted the limited response that the Agency will make based on the criteria that we previously discussed (see Memorandum For the Record.) The response is being prepared by NFAC.

- LIAISON Mr. Hitz and I had lunch in the Senate dining room with Len Parkinson, Senator Dale L. Bumpers' (D., Ark.) staff representative on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. Mr. Parkinson stressed his need for Agency briefings, particularly in relation to SALT, in order to assure that he keeps Senator Bumpers informed. We also talked about arranging a trip for Senator Bumpers to the West Coast to visit technical intelligence collection facilities early on in the next session. Mr. Parkinson emphasized that Senator Bumpers has expressed a strong interest in intelligence and will be following the activities of the Agency closely. Mr. Hitz assured that we will provide full support.
- secretary to NRC Commissioner John Ahearne, and arrangements were made for the CIA documents on to be hand carried by an Agency representative to Mr. Ahearn's office, Room 1156, 1717 H Street N.W. at 10:00 a.m. Friday, 3 November. The representative will remain with the documents during the review. The other Commissioners will review the same material at a later date under the same arrangements.
- THIRD AGENCY Called the secretary of Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch, Department of Justice to determine where within the Agency Justice, in May, referred a letter from a constituent of Senator John G. Tower (R., Texas) since we could find no record of it having been received. Further checking revealed that the letter was sent to the Agency without the covering letter from Senator Tower's office. The letter was routed to the Office of Security and no action was taken since it was considered a "crank" letter by the Office of Security and further, that office does not respond to inquiries from inmates of a prison as a matter of pol Approved For Release 2004/12/22 CHARDRS 100980808014001000178 letter from the constituent to the Agency for response.

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